(c) The measures taken by ITDC for successful operation of Duty Free Shops include rationalization of prices, renovation of shops and aggressive marketing.

(d) The main objectives of setting up Duty Free Shops have been to offer merchandise of global and Indian brands to international passengers and earn precious foreign exchange for the country.

Protected monuments in Gujarat

2764. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the monument-wise number of Central protected monuments with Archaeological Survey of India in Gujarat;

(b) whethr it is a fact that many of these monuments are decaying and are in neglected state;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for their neglect; and

(d) tha remedial measures Government propose to take in this regarad?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) There are 201 centrally protected monuments in the State of Gujarat under the jurisdiction of the Archaeological Survey of India.

(b) No, Sir. The centrally protected monuments in the State of Gujarat are maintained in good shape. Conservation, chemical preservation and environmental development of these monuments are taken up as per the requirement on site subject to availability of man-power and resources. Steps are also taken to provide tourist infrastructure and face-lift to the monuments in the perspective plan prepared for the comprehensive conservation and development of some of the centrally protected monuments under Xth Five Year Plan.

(c) and (d) Question do not arise.